

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2005, the Missouri General Assembly truly agreed and finally passed Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 539 which modifies Missouri's current state Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, while the bill contains a provision establishing the "Medicaid Reform Commission" to study and review recommendations for reforms of the state Medicaid system, such commission cannot be formed until after the effective date of Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 539, or August 28, 2005; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Missouri for the Medicaid Reform Commission to begin its important task as soon as possible:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Senate of the Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby immediately establish the "Medicaid Reform Commission" which shall have the task of studying and reviewing recommendations for reforms of the state Medicaid system. The commission shall consist of the following ten members:

(1) Five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(2) Five members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate.

No more than three members from each house shall be of the same political party. The directors of the departments of social services, health and senior services, and mental health, or the directors' designees shall serve as ex officio members of the commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall commence after the end of the First Regular Session of the Ninety-third General Assembly, and shall terminate on August 28, 2005. The work of the commission shall be furnished to the Medicaid Reform Commission formed under Section 208.014 as enacted by Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 539, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, including, but not limited to, its clear and concise policy recommendations on reforming, redesigning, and restructuring a new, innovative state Medicaid healthcare delivery system under Title XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965, amendments to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 30 et seq.), as amended, to replace the current state Medicaid system under Title XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965, amendments to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 30 et seq.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the commission shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of the member's official duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a chair of the commission shall be selected by the members of the commission and the commission shall meet as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission is authorized to contract with a consultant and the compensation of the consultant and other personnel shall be paid from the joint contingent fund or jointly from the Senate and House contingent funds until an appropriation is made therefor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Directors of the Departments of Social Services, Health and Senior Services, and Mental Health.

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